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SUBJ: US-INDO JOINT SUBCOMMISSION ON S&T JOINT COMMUNIQUE

1. THE FOLLOWING IS A TEXT OF THE APPROVED JOINT PRESS COMMUNIQUE OF THE US-INDO JOINT SUBCOMMISSION ON SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY WHICH WAS RELEASED TO THE PRESS AT 1730 IST JANUARY 29, 1976.

2. BEGIN QUOTE: THE INDO-US SUBCOMMISSION ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY MET ON 27TH, 28TH, AND 29TH JANUARY 1976 IN NEW DELHI. THE US DELEGATION OF TEN MEMBERS FROM VARIOUS SCIENTIFIC AGENCIES WAS LED BY DR. OSWALD H. GANLEY, DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE, AND THE DELEGATION FROM INDIA WAS LED BY DR. B.D. NAG CHAUDHURI, VICE CHANCELLOR JAWAHARLAL NEHRU UNIVERSITY.

"THE SUBCOMMISSION DISCUSSED PROGRAMS OF MUTUAL INTEREST TO BE DEVELOPED UNDER THE AGREED PRIORITY AREAS FOR SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION. THE SUBCOMMISSION HOPED TO FOSTER A STABLE AND MATURE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITIES OF

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THE TWO COUNTRIES LEADING TO MEANINGFUL GROWTH IN

SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION. WORKING GROUPS IN THE AREAS OF AGRICULTURE; ENERGY; HEALTH; ELECTRONICS, MATERIALS AND METROLOGY; ENVIRONMENT; AND SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION EXCHANGE DISCUSSED AND FORMULATED BROAD PROGRAMS FOR RECOMMENDED ACTION BY BOTH GOVERNMENTS.

"THE AREAS BEING CONSIDERED FOR JOINT WORK INCLUDE, AMONGST OTHERS, WATER AND SOIL CONSERVATION, SOLAR ENERGY FOR RURAL USES, QUICK-GROWING TREES FOR FUEL AND RAW MATERIALS, PHOTOSYNTHETIC EFFICIENCY, POST-HARVEST TECHNOLOGY TO REDUCE FOOD LOSSES, AND SOLAR ELECTRICITY.

"A NEW TECHNIQUE OF HOUSE-WIRING USING FLAT CONDUCTOR CABLES DEVELOPED AND BEING TESTED IN UNITED STATES WILL BE STUDIED FOR ITS POTENTIAL USE IN INDIA. IN THE AREA OF ENVIRONMENT, PROGRAMS WERE IDENTIFIED IN CLEANING AND WASHING OF COAL AND THE GASS EMISSION FROM COAL COMBUSTION. THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS WILL INCLUDE, AMONGST OTHERS, WASTE WATER TREATMENT, SOLID WASTE TREATMENT AND OF WATER PURIFICATION. IN THE AREA OF HEALTH, JOINT PROGRAMS WILL INCLUDE, AMONGST OTHERS, NUTRITION, METABOLIC AND DEGENERATIVE DISEASES, HEALTH SERVICES DELIVERY, AND OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY. PROGRAMS LEADING TO EVALUATION OF RELIABILITY OF ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS AND CHARACTERIZATION OF ELECTRONIC MATERIALS WILL BE DEVELOPED.

"AGENCIES IN INDIA AND UNITED STATES WILL ENCOURAGE THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION THROUGH SEMINARS, TRAINING PROGRAMS AND DEVELOPMENT OF METHODOLOGIES IN SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS. THE SUBCOMMISSION RECOMMENDED THAT APPROPRIATE ACTIONS BE TAKEN BY BOTH GOVERNMENTS TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXCHANGE OF SCIENTISTS IN THE VARIOUS PRIORITY AREAS.

"THE SUBCOMMISSION, AS VEHICLE OF BOTH THE GOVERNMENTS, OFFERS A PRINCIPAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL FORUM FOR REVIEW AND COORDINATION OF THE PROGRAMS, AS WELL AS FOSTERING GREATER UNDERSTANDING AND EFFECTIVENESS IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY COOPERATION BETWEEN UNITED STATES AND INDIA. END QUOTE.

3. THE EMBASSY IS NOT REPEAT NOT RELEASING THIS TEXT TO THE PRESS. ALL PUBLICITY RELEASES ARE BEING HANDLED BY THE GOI. REPORT OF MEETING WILL FOLLOW.

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